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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 20, 1975:

AMBASSADOR ANDERSON: UNDER SECRETARY SISCO'S DINNER FOR
FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM AT BLAIR HOUSE: I MIGHT MENTION
THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE ATTENDING THE DINNER. HE WON'T
BE ABLE TO BE THERE AT THE BEGINNING OF MR. SISCO'S DINNER
BECAUSE HE'S HOSTING, AS A NUMBER OR MOST OF YOU MUST KNOW,
A RECEPTION FOR GALO PLAZA, THE OUTGOING SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE OAS, HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT. HE AND MRS. KISSINGER
WILL BE THERE, BUT THEY WILL GO OVER TO THE DINNER.

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Q. WHY DID THE SECRETARY NOT GREET MR. KHADDAM AT THE AIR-

PORT PERSONALLY AND THEN HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT THIS MORNING?

A. I CANNOT TELL YOU ABOUT HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT. AS FAR AS YESTERDAY WAS CONCERNED, FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM'S PLAN ARRIVED QUITE A BIT LATER THAN EXPECTED AND THE SECRETARY HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT OVER AT THE WHITE HOUSE. IT THINK IT WAS ABOUT 4 O'CLOCK, AND --

Q. I THINK THE PLANE CAME IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES LATE.

A. YES. I AM TELLING YOU THAT IS THE REASON, AND HE DECIDED THAT HE BETTER BE OVER AT THE WHITE HOUSE BEFOREHAND. THAT IS ALL I HAVE. KISSINGER

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